

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 078279  
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-10  
NSAE-00 MCE-00 OMB-01 EB-08 TRSE-00 DOE-15 SOE-02  
COME-00 L-03 DODE-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 SSO-00 /074 R

DRAFTED BY EA/K:DBLAKEMORE:JCM  
APPROVED BY EA/K--MR. RICH  
PM/MC - JHATAWAY (SUBS.)  
-----006818 272056Z /63  
O 272010Z MAR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 078279

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BPRO, KS, US

SUBJECT: KOREAN PRODUCTION OF MISSILE GUIDANCE COMPONENTS

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF A US FIRM, CONTINENTAL CARBON, CONCERNING A REQUEST THE FIRM HAS RECEIVED FROM ITS KOREAN JOINT VENTURE PARTNER, THE LUCKY GROUP, TO HELP FINANCE EXPANSION OF A KOREAN PLANT CONNECTED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF MISSILE GUIDANCE COMPONENTS UNDER AN ROKG CONTRACT. CONTINENTAL IS BEING ASKED TO SUPPLY CAPITAL ONLY, BUT THE PROJECT INVOLVES US TECHNOLOGY. LUCKY WILL SAY NOTHING MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT THAN THAT IT WILL BE EXECUTED BY ITS GOLD STAR PRECISION SUBSIDIARY, AND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS COVERED BY AN APPROPRIATE LICENSE FROM THE USG REGARDING TECHNOLOGY.

2. CONTINENTAL CARBON IS SOMEWHAT NERVOUS ABOUT ENTERING INTO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, AND WE THINK THEIR CAUTION IS CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 078279

UNDERSTANDABLE. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SECRECY ON THE PART OF THE KOREAN FIRM IS MOTIVATED BY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, RATHER THAN BY AN EFFORT TO AVOID US LAW.

3. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE AN OBJECTION, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER THROUGH

APPROPRIATE ROKG CHANNELS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM THAT  
WHATEVER THE PROJECT IS, THE US TECHNOLOGY WHICH IT  
WILL EMPLOY IS PROPERLY LICENSED. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
SPECIFICS, HOWEVER, RATHER THAN RELYING ON A GENERAL  
ASSERTION THAT EVERYTHING IS LEGAL. CONTINENTAL IS  
BEING PRESSED FOR A DECISION BY MARCH 31.

4. CONTINENTAL CARBON IS AWARE OF THIS MESSAGE. IN  
MAKING YOUR APPROACH TO THE ROKG YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE  
THAT CONTINENTAL IS MERELY EXERCISING NORMAL  
CAUTION, AND HAS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF ITS  
KOREAN PARTNER. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRODUCTION, MISSILES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE078279  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DBLAKEMORE:JCM  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780133-0328  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780322/aaaaasau.tel  
**Line Count:** 74  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 48b412bd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 13 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3194243  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KOREAN PRODUCTION OF MISSILE GUIDANCE COMPONENTS  
**TAGS:** MASS, BPRO, KS, US  
**To:** SEOUL  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/48b412bd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014